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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of

Inventor: Pamela A. Kramer

Serial No. 09/880,514

Filed: June 12, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
THERMAL SPRAY PROCESSING OF
MEDICAL DEVICES

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Client ID/Matter No. ACS-54812 (2346P)

AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office action of January 16, 2003, the response for which was due April 16, 2003. Please amend and reconsider the above-referenced application. A one-month request for extension of time to file is being filed concurrently herewith.